

Delaware banker announces plans for ANA board

Stephen R. Taylor of Dover, Del., has announced his intention to seek election to seat number six, a two-year seat, on the American Numismatic Association board of governors.

Founder of the Kent Coin Club of Dover in 1971, Taylor has played a direct role in the rapid growth of the club, which now numbers 160 junior and senior members. He has held every official position in the club, and is the originator and current editor of its monthly newsletter.

Taylor also is the current president of the Milford, Del., Stamp and Coin Club, and a board member of the Virginia and Middle Atlantic Numismatic Associations. He is a past vice president of the Maryland State Numismatic Association, and presently holds regular and life memberships in 24 U.S. and Canadian numismatic organizations. He is also the ANA district representative for the state of Delaware.

The candidate became the first Delaware collector ever to win the coveted best of show award at the ANA convention in Houston last August, with a display of U.S. paper money, his specialty. He has prepared exhibits that have been seen in 17 states and Canada, and has spoken at many meetings and conventions, urging collectors to exhibit their material and share their knowledge with others.

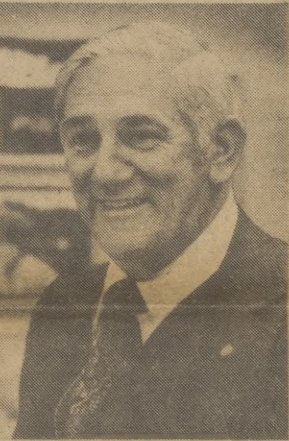
Taylor has been in banking for more than 30 years, holding numerous administrative posi-

tions. He is currently vice president and branch administration director for the Wilmington Savings Fund Society, Delaware's second largest bank.

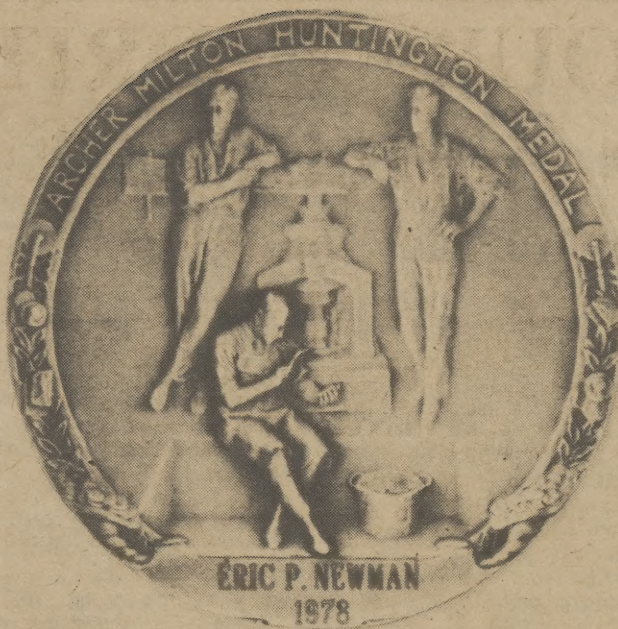
He has been active in many community projects, including directing two annual funds campaigns for the American Cancer Society and the United Way in Kent County, Del.

The veteran banker was appointed recently by Delaware's Gov. DuPont to serve a fourth term on the State Council on Banking, and is a member of the Dover Rotary Club and board member of the Dover YMCA.

Past community service includes board positions on the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, the Kent County unit of the American Cancer Society, Central Delaware unit of the United Way and the advisory council for the Small Business Administration in Delaware.



Stephen R. Taylor



ANS medal acknowledges Newman

The Archer M. Huntington award medal honoring St. Louis numismatic scholar Eric P. Newman recalls one of the American Numismatic Society's abiding benefactors. Huntington's largesse enabled the society to grow both physically and in influence and scholar-

ship during a half century of association prior to his death in 1955. Newman's award was accepted by his daughter, Mrs. Linda Solomon, at the Jan. 13 annual meeting of the ANS, since the honoree and his wife were on vacation in Antarctica.

ANA reps understand procedure for upcoming society election

With a total of 90 percent reporting, 89 percent of the American Numismatic Association district representatives indicated during a recent survey by rep chairman and ANA governor Kurt Krueger that they "fully understood the election reforms" now current.

The survey results appeared in the latest issue of *Rep Report*.

In other survey results, 80 percent of the reps responding voiced objection to the newly increased ANA dues, while 62 percent feel that some requirements or standards should be required for an ANA district representative to retain his or

her appointment.

The board election reforms, approved at the 1978 Houston ANA convention and the subject of much controversy since then, sounded "like a good idea to me," according to one district representative. Another rep criticized the numismatic press, stating that "I cannot agree with these people" that the reforms may cause confusion to the majority of ANA members.

However, other representatives, although they understand the reforms, did not necessarily agree with the changes made. "Some members could set it up to be sure

they have little or no opposition," said one rep, while another voiced the opinion that "If the changes are so great, why weren't they passed when they were first proposed?"

District representatives, by and large, protested the hikes in ANA dues, effective Jan. 1 this year. "At a time when the membership rolls are declining, the last thing to do is increase the dues," said one rep.

Another representative felt the board "should definitely reconsider the dues increase," while one who replied to the survey said that "the board acted without thinking."

On the other hand, several

representatives felt that the increase was justified. One who replied told Krueger that once the board made a decision, that they should "stay with it." A second felt that "\$15 to belong to the ANA is cheap!"

While a majority of the district representatives who answered the survey questions felt that some standards should be maintained for their fellow members, many additionally felt that the reps should be more active in area club activities.

Krueger will issue the next issue of *Rep Report* following the February ANA board meeting in Colorado Springs.

ANA confirms 'show to go on' in St. Louis

The American Numismatic Association and the St. Louis-based Missouri Numismatic Society are determined to have the 1979 ANA convention in St. Louis, no matter what obstacles arise. Most interested collectors probably know of changes in the location and dates announced several months ago. Now there's the probability of another change — but only a minor one.

To accommodate another group and to effect a substantial monetary savings to ANA, the closing date may be changed to Thursday, Aug. 2. This would mean a five-day convention instead of the previously-planned six days, and there would be some changes in the programming of activities.

However, at this writing the ANA has not reached a firm

agreement with the management of the Cervantes Convention and Exhibit Center in St. Louis regarding this possible change.

St. Louisans will be recalling the Louisiana Purchase Exposition held there 75 years ago this summer. Special exhibits and programs related to the Exposition and a medallic tribute to it and the Louisiana Purchase will be highlights of the week's activities.

The traditional PNG (Professional Numismatists Guild) Day will be Saturday, July 28, preceding the opening of the convention proper on Sunday. This event is open to PNG members and their invited guests, as usual.

Among other special activities during the five (?) six (?) days will be a 3,000-lot auction conducted by New England

Rare Coin Auctions of Boston. Most specialized collector groups will hold their own meetings, and there will be sightseeing trips, entertainment and social features.

The bourse and exhibits and related activities will be in the spacious Convention Center on Delmar Blvd. between 7th and 9th Streets in the downtown area of St. Louis. In addition to being right in the shopping and business area, the Center is less than a mile from the "Mighty Mississippi" and the famed Gateway Arch, and only about ten blocks from Busch Stadium, home of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Housing of visitors will be in two nearby hotels with continuous free bus service for registered guests between the hotels and the Convention Center. Stouffer's Riverfront Towers will function as a convention headquarters but some, particularly bourse dealers and exhibitors, may favor the Sheraton hotel just across Seventh Street from the Center. Stouffer's is only two blocks from Busch Stadium and Gateway Arch.

Special room rates for ANA convention guests will be in effect at both hotels, with very slightly lower rates at Stouffer's. A Special rate card that is good for either hotel is available from Convention Chairman Bernice F. Stevenson, 19 Roclare Lane, St. Louis, Mo. 63131, or from Convention Coordinator Ruthann Bret-

tell, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80901.

Both hotels require the receipt of room requests not later than July 8. Nearly every year a few late comers are disappointed in not getting the kind of accommodations they want or being unable to get in the convention hotel at all. Collectors are urged to make reservations early — cancellations may be made at no cost up to 24 hours prior to scheduled arrival time.

The experimental scheduling

of activities, a first at last year's convention in Houston, met with general approval and will be in effect in St. Louis. In the main, the bourse and exhibits dominate the noon until evening hours; business meetings, trips and specialized group meetings are scheduled in the forenoon; and auction sessions, the educational forum and social events are evening activities.

Exhibits of unusual interest are being planned, both by individuals and at the behest of

the convention committee. One that can be announced at this time is the Aubrey Bebee 1913 Liberty Head nickel. This is the specimen that the late and colorful J. V. McDermott owned and circulated so freely at conventions and meetings prior to his death in 1966.

Anyone thinking of entering an exhibit at this prestigious numismatic event should request an application form and copy of the rules from exhibit chairman James S. Moores, P.O. Box 265, Collinsville, Ill. 62234.

R. H. Carpenter dies

Richard H. Carpenter, a past president of the Alexandria, Va., Coin Club and recipient of the club's 1978 "Numismatist of the Year" award, died of cancer at the Southern Maryland Hospital Center in Clinton on Jan. 14. He was 33 years old.

A native of Chattanooga, Tenn., Mr. Carpenter earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Alabama in 1968. During the 10 years he was in the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area, he was associated with the Food and Drug Administration, the Naval Ordnance Station, and most recently, the U.S. Public Health Service.

A resident of Waldorf, Md., he attended the First Baptist Church of Gaithersburg.

Mr. Carpenter is survived by his widow, the former Sarah Stephens, and a daughter, Richelle; his parents, George B. and Eudora Carpenter of Summerville, Ga.; five brothers, James B. of Marietta, Ga.; Bob L., of Lampore, Calif.; Stanley L., of Jacksonville, Ala.; George R. and Jesse R., both of Summerville, and a sister, Nellie C. Blocker of Atlanta.

Turmoil threatens sale

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tising, and related production expenses.

What GSA finally recommended relative to the production and sale of the gold medallions is "over-the-counter" sales through local banks "on a consignment basis."

"Under this method," the GSA report presented to the Senate Banking Committee declares, "an advertising program would be conducted to obtain the broadest practical coverage of notification to prospective buyers for the sale of the medallions."

"The medallions could be produced at the Philadelphia Mint and shipped to Federal Reserve Banks upon their request. Individual buyers would be able to go to their local banks and order any number of medallions at the current day's gold market price plus a surcharge of approximately \$4.41,"

representing total government production cost, plus a small profit.

What precisely the fate of the gold medallions are becomes an unknown quantity not only because there is no apparent request for funding in the 1980 Administration budget to carry out the striking, but because of the problems within the GSA itself.

Howard Segermark, an aide to Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., who was instrumental in obtaining passage of the gold medallion legislation, declared in an interview that if new congressional action was necessary to cause the medallions to be issued, it would be commenced "immediately."

Meanwhile, awaiting a change of leadership, the GSA sloths about, and in the process, vitally needed legislation receives inattention, necessitating new delays whose effect will be felt long into the future.